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Prices early week were lower on all sizes and continued to drop during the week on large and extra large with mediums unchanged. The market tone was barely steady to weak for the light to instances moderate demand. Supplies were fully adequate to ample for the current trade needs. Breaking stock prices were unchanged to lower from the previous report. Offerings were ample and included numerous spot loads of graded loose shell eggs. Demand continued to be light as most potential buyers seek lower prices for heavy breaking stock. Floor stocks were fully adequate to ample. Schedules were full-time. The trade sentiment was weak. Removal costs for spent hens were mostly unchanged. Offerings were light to adequate with a moderate demand. The trade sentiment was steady. Next week schedules were full-time. Removal prices ranged 4.5-11 cents, mostly 8-10 cents per head.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were lower for large. Other reported prices were unchanged but were trending lower for next week. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Retail and food service demand were both mostly light to at times moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to ample. Central States breaking stock prices ranged unchanged with checks and undergrades lower. Offerings were ample and included numerous spot loads of graded loose shell eggs. Demand was light. Floor stocks fully adequate to ample. Schedules full time. Trade sentiment weak.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	55-65	56-62
LARGE	54-64	55-58
MEDIUM	32-42	34-37

MIDWEST AREA: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged, however the larger sizes were trending sharply lower. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Demand was mostly light to at times moderate. Supplies ranged fully adequate to ample for current trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient for a moderate demand. Spent hens were generally adequate for processing requirements.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	64-78	66-70
LARGE	59-73	64-68
MEDIUM	35-48	40-42

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

COMBINED REGIONAL

Sep 23, 2005

Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	74.50	73.00	45.00
SOUTHEAST	74.50	72.50	43.00
MIDWEST	64.00	61.50	38.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	75.50	74.50	46.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	72.23	70.52	43.39

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN

	09-27-05	09-20-05	09-28-04
Large	37-46	42-51	37-44
Medium	17-21	21-25	20-24

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- SEPTEMBER 26, 2005

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		Northeast	NO CENT	SO CENT	SO Atl	Pacific	5-Area
Jumbo	Curr Wk	14.2	12.5	4.9	11.5	11.2	54.3
	Change	-0.2	0.1	-0.2	-0.1	1.2	1%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	29.6	58.6	19.5	36.6	38.4	182.7
	Change	-0.1	13.4	9.6	9.9	6.4	27%
Large	Curr Wk	52.9	192.3	63.4	90.6	96.5	495.7
	Change	4.3	42.1	-3.4	0.9	-2.8	9%
Medium	Curr Wk	14.4	58.4	23.4	26.4	29.8	152.4
	Change	1.4	-12.9	9.5	-6.6	-0.8	-6%
Small	Curr Wk	6.3	9.1	1.4	3.4	6.5	26.7
	Change	0.8	-0.1	-0.8	-2.0	1.3	-3%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.0	27.6	15.0	11.6	4.9	63.1
	Change	0.6	-2.1	3.1	-2.0	-1.2	-2%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	24.1	38.6	41.6	36.0	37.6	177.9
	Change	13.9	-2.3	23.2	0.8	5.6	30%
Total	Curr Wk	145.5	397.1	169.2	216.1	224.9	1152.8
Percent	Change	17%	11%	32%	0%	5%	11%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1152.8	11%	175
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	222.9	-5%	35
Total Shell Egg	1375.7	8%	210

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 175 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday a.m. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. This is a representative sample of the U.S. inventory and includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E 24-SEP-05(LBS IN THOUSANDS)
(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,371,155	32,291	12,895	6,900	3,025	4,363
PW	1,344,955	33,183	12,363	6,434	3,128	4,462
LY	1,255,426	28,351	13,070	7,030	2,437	4,315
% Chg PWK	2%	-3%	4%	7%	-3%	-2%
% Chg LY	9%	14%	-1%	-2%	24%	1%
2005	49,692,365	1,170,775	487,437	261,046	111,259	167,833
2004	46,795,448	1,110,670	449,714	243,247	104,979	160,187
% Chg YTD	6%	5%	8%	7%	6%	5%

Average Yield Per Case -	Current Week	Previous Week	Last Year
(Inedible Included)	41.17	41.97	42.03
(Inedible Excluded)	37.99	38.65	38.59

IN-LINE PRODUCTION (of total production; lbs. in thousands; may include limited amount of off-line source material)

	CASES BROKEN		LIQUID WHOLE	
	Cases	% of Total	lbs.	% of Total
CURRENT WEEK	566,125	41.3%	14,804	45.8%
PREVIOUS WEEK	541,747	40.3%	14,288	43.1%
LAST YEAR	484,961	38.6%	12,040	42.5%

BROILER HATCHERY

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 19 Selected States	
	SEP 17	SEP 24	SEP 17	SEP 24
	Thousand			
AL	30,928	30,779	21,520	20,919
AR	*29,276	29,694	*24,066	24,155
DE	3,668	3,797	5,832	5,449
FL	1,379	1,364	1,431	1,325
GA	*31,926	33,062	*26,674	26,736
KY	6,284	6,999	*5,875	5,758
LA	3,802	4,105	4,059	4,104
MD	8,509	8,765	5,173	5,160
MS	17,672	17,626	16,252	15,364
NC	16,913	18,307	14,635	13,654
OK	6,377	6,332	5,311	4,492
PA	*3,860	3,994	*2,977	3,018
SC	5,151	4,859	*4,369	4,739
TX	14,505	14,227	12,793	12,608
VA	6,030	6,272	4,919	5,288
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*16,789	17,864	*16,946	17,607

19 State Total *203,069 208,046 *172,832 170,376

Previous Year Total 197,407 201,405 173,376 172,022

Pct. of Prev. Year 103 103 100 99

* Revised

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 05-Nov-05 is estimated at 157.9 million head. This compares to 158.1 million head the previous week and to 162.0 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 161.5 million head and the composite weighted average price was 67.76 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 09/22/05-09/28/05

CURRENT LDS 63.00 FUTURE LDS 57.00 TOTAL LDS 120.00

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	—	—	45.17	47.00	—	—	7.00
GNR W 2	—	—	35.75	37.00	—	—	2.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GL W J	—	—	64.50	66.00	56.50	60.00	3.50
GL W XL	50.67	54.43	54.13	57.50	46.18	51.00	37.00
GL W LG	—	55.00	51.00	52.67	44.80	34.00	15.25
GL W MD	33.00	29.00	28.00	30.25	25.00	27.00	7.75
GL W SM	20.20	23.70	16.54	18.58	15.00	16.50	5.50
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	38.97	38.55	46.00
NRBS - 45	29.00	32.00	35.00	37.25	—	—	4.00
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	27.00	30.00	2.00
NRBS - 39	23.00	26.60	—	—	25.00	—	8.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 24-SEP-2005

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS		PW PCT CHG	
			PW	LY
Atlanta	23.0	23.9	-4	-28
Boston	3.5	3.1	13	3
Chicago	84.2	70.7	19	56
Detroit	21.3	23.6	-10	-13
Kansas City	2.5	3.0	-17	25
Los Angeles	110.3	111.3	-1	25
New Orleans	5.2	1.1	373	-15
New York	29.4	28.4	4	7
St. Louis	16.4	13.9	18	-19
San Francisco	19.1	17.6	9	6
Total	314.9	296.6	6	14
4 Week Moving Avg.	317.1			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 24-SEP-05

	YOUNG		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL TURKEYS
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	2,063	2,728	49	7	4,847
Avg Wt	16.25	35.46	25.80	27.50	27.17
Last week	2,030	2,778	25	9	4,842
Same wk yr ago	1,580	2,652	63	5	4,300
Avg Wt	15.74	36.02	24.37	28.17	28.39
To-date/2005	66,771	97,793	915	160	165,639
To-date/2004	65,689	96,901	1,976	286	164,852

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

Week ending 24-SEP-05

(Preliminary) (Released 1:00 Eastern Time)

	—YOUNG TURKEYS—			OLD		TOTAL TURKEYS
	THOUSAND	PCT CHG	AVG	BANDED	AVG	
	HEAD	PW	LIVE WT	THOUSAND	HEAD	LIVE WT
North East	863	2	23.69	(A)	865	23.69
South Atlantic	734	-2	30.07	(A)	736	30.07
North Central	2,198	2	31.09	(A)	2,199	31.09
South Central	685	-4	17.35	(A)	686	17.35
West	360	-3	24.37	(A)	361	24.37
U.S. total	4,840(B)	0	27.17	7	4,847	27.17

To-date

2005 165,479(B) 160 165,639

To-date

2004 164,566(B) 286 164,852

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 49,000; for the current year to date 915,000; for last year to date 1,976,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION (Preliminary)

W/E 24-Sep-2005	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
Head	165,401	1,229	1,529	2,758	475
Avg Wt	5.30	3.37	7.84	5.85	6.73
Last week	169,204	1,331	1,551	2,882	453
Same wk yr ago	161,724	1,523	1,316	2,839	489
Avg Wt	5.39	3.31	8.12	5.54	6.75
To-date/2005	6,120,385	56,022	54,017	110,039	18,798
To-date/2004	5,944,956	51,888	50,917	102,805	17,706

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 165.7 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 167.4 million head, or 1.7 million more than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 01-Oct-05

	Current Week 10/01/05(1)	Previous Week 09/24/05
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
CLASS		
Broiler/fryer	164,359(2)	170,241
Light hens	1,259	1,283
Heavy hens	1,483	1,541
Total	167,101	173,065

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 01-Oct-05 is 164.8 million head compared to 164.0 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 164.7 million head or 0.1 million less than estimated available. For the week of 08-Oct-05 the estimated available is 165.7 million head.

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/**FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON**

WEEK ENDING		MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
August	20	169.8	166.8	102%	5.23
	27	169.5	165.7	102%	5.24
September	3	152.6	163.7	93%	5.20
	10	152.5	163.1	94%	5.28
	17	171.3	164.8	104%	5.33
	24	167.4	165.7	101%	5.30
Year to date		6194.6	6262.4	99%	
October	1		165.1		
	8		164.3		

FINAL BROILER/FRYER Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of 26-SEP-2005 (cents per lb)

	U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS	
Chicago	63.00-66.00	66.09	37	66.61	70	
Los Angeles	82.00	80.82	57	71.77	154	
New York	67.00-70.00	68.43	23	68.49	54	

COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

	Change from			
26-SEP-2005	19-SEP-2005	19-SEP-2005	27-SEP-2004	
70.21	-2.93	73.14	69.92	
NUMBER OF LOADS	597			

MONTHLY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE FOR R.T.C. BROILER/FRYERS

Month	Weighted Average	Loads
September	72.51	2498.20

QUARTERLY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE FOR R.T.C. BROILER/FRYERS

Month	Weighted Average	Loads
July-September	72.13	7699.00

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	78-85	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	76-84	79-84	81.00	25
WESTERN REGION 5/	78-86	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	78-81	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	77-80	79	79.00	15
WESTERN REGION	78-80	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers

(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

		Frozen Eggs/LBS	Turkeys/LBS	Processed other Poultry/LBS
AM	09/26/05	3,450	115,070	54,851
AM	09/01/05	3,517	118,073	52,120
CHG		-67	-3003	2731
PCT CHG		-2%	-3%	5%

HEN MARKETS

HEAVY TYPE (7 pounds and up)* Final Price, Generally for slaughter the week of 26-SEP-05

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG
Southeast (1)	9.75-16 CENTS/LB.	12-14	13.29
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	9.5-16.25 CENTS/LB.	12-14	12.99

(1) At Farm Buyer Loading (2) At Farm Producer Loading

*Weights under 7 lbs. subject to discount.

LIGHT TYPE Cents per head, generally for removal within the next 10 days (includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds)

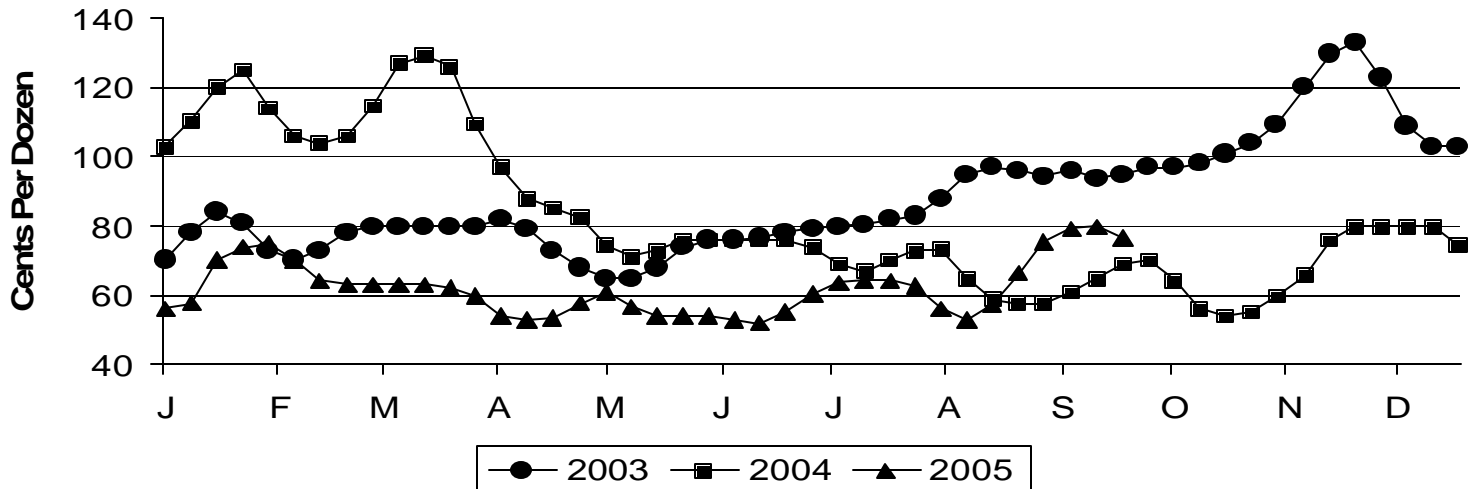
23-SEP-05	REMOVAL COST	
REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern	6-13	9-11
South Central	Too Few To Report	
North Central	4.5-11	8-10

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT (Receipts From Producers)

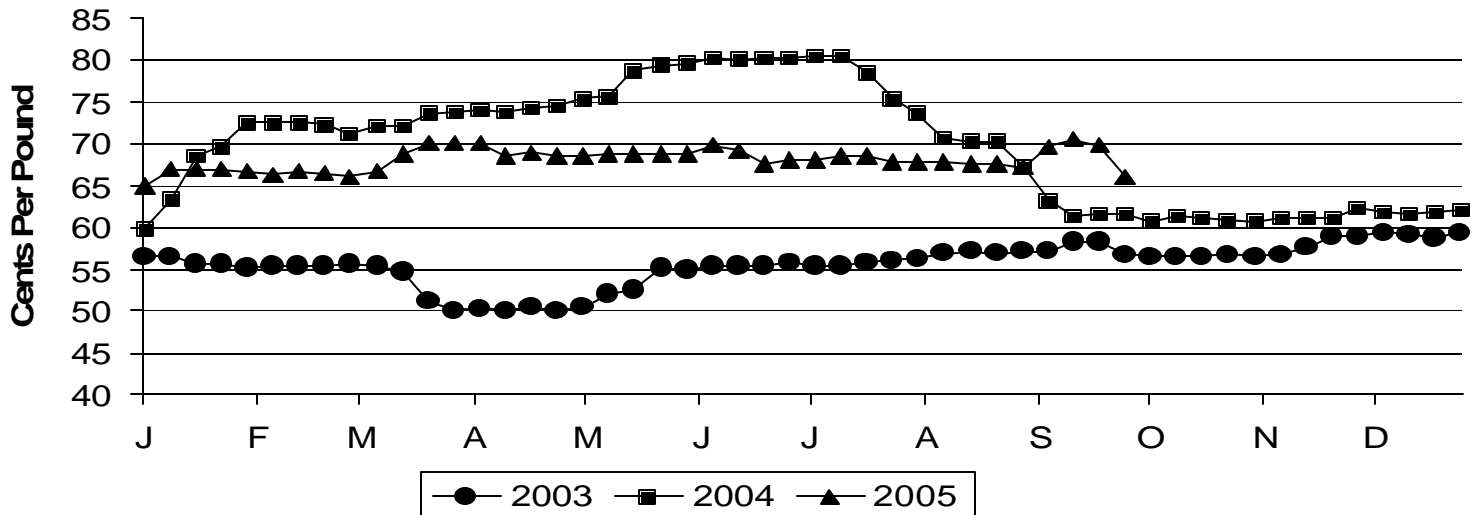
W/E 24-Sep-2005	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PW LY
REGIONS		
North Atlantic	246.2	1 -6
East North Central	587.6	-7 4
West North Central	268.2	-6 -8
South Atlantic	196.2	0 -9
South Central	61.6	-2 -12
West	197.3	0 0
Total	1557.1	-1 -3
Matched Plants reporting		Previous week 86 Last year 85

Areas Covered: North Atlantic (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MC,DE)
East North Central (WI,IL,MI,OH,IN) West North Central (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD)
South Atlantic (SC,NC,VA,GA,FL,KY) South Central (TN,AL,AR,MS,OK)
West (CA,CO,WA,OR,UT)

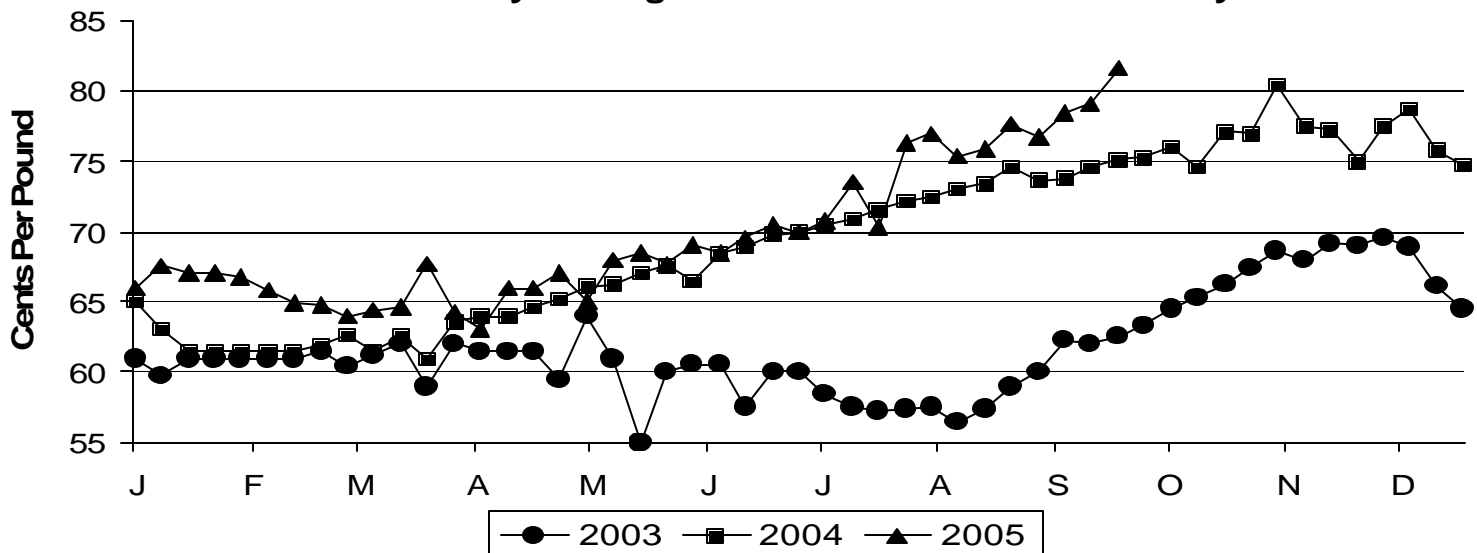
New York Large Weekly Average Price



Chicago Broiler/Fryer Weighted Average Prices



Eastern Weekly Average Prices For 8-16 LB Hen Turkeys



Note: Some Weeks' Average Prices are Based on Offers Only

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